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SUBJECT: CODEL GRAVEL

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1. EMBASSY HAS JUST LEARNED FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT DURING PAST WEEKEND IT HAS INSTRUCTED JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO INFORM SENATOR GRAVEL'S OFFICE THAT GOJ WOULD PREFER NOT TO ARRANGE MEETINGS FOR THE SENATOR WITH ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUPS IN HIROSHIMA. FOREIGN MINISTRY SUGGESTED THAT SENATOR'S OFFICE ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE SUCH MEETINGS ON ITS OWN.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY TOOK THIS ACTION ON GROUNDS THAT ONE OF GROUPS WITH WHICH A MEETING HAD BEEN SET UP, GENSUIKYO, WAS BACKED BY THE JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO HAD INITIALLY ARRANGED FOR MEETING HAD MISTAKENLY BELIEVED THAT THIS GROUP WAS BACKED BY THE SOCIALISTS. (THERE IS A SOCIALIST-BACKED GROUP WITH SIMILAR NAME.) FOREIGN MINISTRY FEELS EMBARRASSED ABOUT THE MISTAKE AND IS NOW TAKING POSITION THAT MATTER OF ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUPS IS TOO SENSITIVE FOR IT TO BECOME INVOLVED. SINCE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD ARRANGED FOR SENATOR GRAVEL TO MEET WITH GENSUIKYO AND HIROSHIMA COUNCIL OF ATOMIC
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BOMB VICTIMS AT SAME TIME, IT HAS NOW CANCELLED CONTACTS

WITH BOTH GROUPS. MEETING FOR SENATOR GRAVEL WITH
HIROSHIMA MAYOR IS STILL SET: NOV. 7 AT 10 A.M.
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